



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17**

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Dubois County DCS  
611 Bartley St.  
Jasper, IN 47546

**Council Members Present:** Susan Lesko, David Galloway, Lisa Bowles, Leslie Rowland, Georgann Gogel, Connie Branch, Judge Weikert, Melinda Berry, Bonita Mattingly

**Council Members Absent:** Mary Alice Manley, Judge Arthur

**Others In Attendance:** Lana Tobin, Herbert Gordon, Theresa Sillings and Darlene McBride

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 8:00 A.M.

Susan Lesko welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were reviewed and approved as read.

Agenda items were discussed as follows:

1. Community Partners

Regional Manager Lesko will contact Natalie with I & L to see if she will be able to attend the December meeting. All counties stated she had been to their offices to discuss their services and needs.

2. Special Guest

Theresa Sillings with Crawford County Youth Services Bureau did a presentation explaining what services they provide to the youth in Crawford County. Funds are legislated and allocated at the local level.

The YSB's main program is an alternative school in Crawford County for high school students. There is only one high school in Crawford County. An average of 25 percent of all students who attend school for 4 years will receive their services.

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- Behavior
- Pregnant
- Academic recovery
- Employment issues
- or a combination of these things

YSB offers weekend recreation for ages 11 to 17. Friday and Saturday nights they hold dances for the youth. There are pool tables, big screen TV crafts, and books.

They also have a program called Families in Transition. This class is a 6 hour class and is offered once a month. This program is for the entire family. The children have to be at least 6 years old. Fee is \$55.00 per family. They do use a sliding scale. If the family is on assistance fee is lowered. Most people pay at least at a reduced rate.

The biggest problem is transportation in getting the kids to the events.

Anyone needing more information can contact IYSA. IYSA have peer reviews to see that standards are kept up. You have to show a need and have a plan to be eligible.

### 3. Community Forum

Georgann Gogel stated they have received lots of applications for people wanting to attend the Community Wide Forum, the count increases every day and could be as many as 200 people each day.

Darlene McBride stated that Kelly Minton, Orange County Prosecutor has volunteered to pay the refreshment expense.

Lana Tobin informed the council that Hedinger Beverage is donating the drinks.

Darlene McBride called and checked we do have approval for CEU's for foster parents. She will check on law enforcement.

4. Early Intervention Plan

Herb Gordon, Crawford County Director has completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the regional plan. Herb requested that each county provide him the necessary attachments by December 1, 2006. He hopes to have the final version ready for the December Council meeting.

5. Future Agenda Items:

Georgann Gogel stated more training on domestic violence is needed. Regional Mgr. Lesko stated she will be having someone come and talk about practice reform and how it is working in their region.

6. Request for Funds:

Darlene McBride requested approval of the Council for \$550.00 for books and supplies for school counselors to hand out to students. This request was approved by the Council.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** December 15, 2006 at the Dubois County DCS office located at 611 Bartley St. in Jasper, IN. Meeting will start at 8:00 AM Dubois County time.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:25 AM

